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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 166
By Dunn

A RESOLUTION To honor and commend Gary Morris on his selection as the 2000 Powell Business and Professional Association Man of the Year.

WHEREAS, The Tennessee General Assembly is proud to specially recognize and honor exemplary citizens who, in the finest traditions of the Volunteer State, generously contribute their leadership to help make their respective communities better places to live; and

WHEREAS, Gary Morris, who was named the 2000 Powell Business and Professional Association Man of the Year, is clearly one such outstanding citizen; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Morris is very active in his church, having served God faithfully as a Sunday School teacher, Sunday School Director, and Youth Director; and

WHEREAS, He has used his great love for sports to significantly benefit the youth of his community; he has served admirably as Little League baseball coach; he also coached one year in tee ball and two years in Coach Pitch Baseball and served as a youth basketball coach for two years; and

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WHEREAS, Prior to coming to Powell eight years ago, Mr. Morris was a volunteer Firefighter and Emergency Medical Technician in Sevier County; and

WHEREAS, After arriving in Powell, he served as a Cub Scout Leader; and

WHEREAS, In his professional life, he has worked with extraordinary diligence and dedication as an EMT and Paramedic for the Rural Metro Fire and Ambulance Service for 15 years; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Morris has served as a Manager since 1991 and his work has been praised as exemplary; and

WHEREAS, He has served astutely as President, Treasurer and as a member of the Board of Directors of the Tennessee Association of Public Communications Officers; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Morris presently serves as Chairman of the State Emergency Medical Services Telecommunications Committee; and

WHEREAS, He has been very active in the Powell Business and Professional Association; he is the first person to have served as President of the group for two years, and he has also served as Vice President; and

WHEREAS, In addition to expertly guiding the association through a phenomenal membership growth of 150 plus and planning some of the best and most informative meetings ever, Mr. Morris was instrumental in organizing the excellent Business Expo and Auction, a much heralded event that raised more than \$35,000, which has been distributed back to the community in the form of scholarships and other gifts to the schools and to civic activities; and

WHEREAS, First and foremost, he is a loving husband and father. He also helps care for his elderly parents; and

WHEREAS, It is fitting that we pause in our deliberations to honor Gary Morris; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE

CONCURRING, That we honor and commend Gary Morris on being selected the Powell Business and Professional Association Man of the Year for 2000 and wish him well in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.